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SUBJECT: 33RD UNGA: U.S. STRATEGY AND OBJECTIVES--

- EGYPTIAN VIEWS

REF: STATE 225331

1. E/C COUNSELOR DISCUSSED U.S. VIEWS ON ECONOMIC ISSUES  
AT UNGA WITH MFA DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC  
AFFAIRS AMBASSADOR WAFIQ HOSNY SEPTEMBER 7, DRAWING ON  
PARA 6, TALKING POINTS A-F. MFA OFFICIAL DID NOT RAISE  
COMMON FUND OR DEBT ISSUES.

2. HOSNY, WHO WAS GOE DELEGATE TO 32ND UNGA (AND TO BEL-  
GRADE NAM MEETING), EXPRESSED EGYPTIAN VIEWS ON ISSUES  
AT SOME LENGTH, GENERALLY ADHERING AND ATTRIBUTING THOSE  
VIEWS TO G-77 PSSITIONS. HE STRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT OF  
DEVELOPING NATIONS WITH SLOW MOVEMENT ON NORTH-SOUTH  
ECONOMIC DIALOGUE. HOSNY EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION AT HEARING  
THAT USG CONTINUES TO ACCORD ATTENTION AT HIGHEST LEVELS  
TO CONTINUATION OF DIALOGUE, BUT CITED LENGTHY PERIOD OF  
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STUDY OF ISSUES THUS FAR, INCLUDING CIEC CONFERENCE,  
WHICH HAS LED TO LITTLE IN WAY OF RESOLUTION OF ISSUES.  
HE NOTED THAT DEVELOPING NATIONS ARE BECOMING "ANNOYED"  
AND EXPRESSED FEAR THAT LACK OF PROGRESS MAY LEAD TO CON-  
FRONTATIONAL SITUATION BROUGHT ON BY LESS MODERATE G-77  
ELEMENTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, MFA OFFICIAL REITERATED  
THAT GOE POLICY IS TO WORK FOR MODERATION WITHIN G-77,

BUT THAT WHEN GROUP'S POSITION IS DETERMINED, EGYPT FEELS COMPELLED TO SUPPORT DEVELOPING NATIONS' POLICIES.

3. AMBASSADOR HOSNY ALSO EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH U.S. POSITION ON COW. HE SAID DEVELOPING NATIONS GROUP HAD SEEN COW SESSIONS AS DESIGNED NOT ONLY TO DISCUSS AND MONITOR PROGRESS ON NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES, BUT ALSO TO UNDERTAKE SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS AND REACH MEANINGFUL DECISIONS ON POLITICAL LEVEL. HE NOTED THAT MOST RECENT CABLES MFA HAS RECEIVED FROM ITS UN MISSION SUGGEST INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO OPPOSE COW ASSUMING DECISION-MAKING ROLE. HE RAISED POSSIBILITY THAT CURRENT SESSION MAY FOUNDER ON THIS POINT.

4. COMMENTS BY AMBASSADOR HOSNY ON OTHER ISSUES COVERED IN PRESENTATION FOR MOST PART WERE UNREMARKABLE. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT THERE DOES SEEM TO BE ROOM FOR CLEARING UP MISUNDERSTANDING ON U.S. POSITION WITH RESPECT TO PLACE OF BASIC HUMAN NEEDS IN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. HE SIGNIFIED GOE UNDERSTANDS POINT AND TAKES COGNIZANCE OF THESE NEEDS IN ITS OWN PLANNING, BUT SAID IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS CAN BE OVERSTRESSED, TO DETRIMENT OF EQUALLY REQUISITE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND INVESTMENT PRIORITIES. HE ALSO NOTED CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE EGYPT ATTACHES TO FURTHERANCE OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS DECADE IN AFRICA, EXPRESSING SATISFACTION THAT USG  
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EXPECTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT ACTIVITY.

5. COMMENT: HOSNY SAID MINISTRY IS NOW PREPARING GOE POSITION PAPERS FOR FONMIN IN PREPARATION FOR UNGA. HE DOES NOT KNOW AS YET WHETHER HE WILL AGAIN BE DELEGATE, ALTHOUGH HE THINKS IT LIKELY. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT HOSNY WOULD BE, AS IN PAST, GOOD CONTACT FOR U.S. DEL ON VARIOUS OF THESE ECONOMIC ISSUES. MATTHEWS

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